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A RELATION OF THE Great Succeſs THE KING OF *PORTUGAL*'S Army had upon the *Spaniards*, the 29th of *May* (*Engl.* ſtile) 1663.

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RELATION

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Great Success

A COMPLETE

VICTORY

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A Copy of a

LETTER

Which the *Conde de Ville Flor* General of the *Portugues* Army wrote to his Majesty of *Portugal*, giving him an account of the Succes in the Battel, immediately after the gaining it.

BY a Letter of this instant, I gave account to your Majesty how the Enemy rose from their Camp, retiring themselves, and endeavoured to follow them, with an in-

tent to give them Battel, putting my ſelf before them: I directed my march to *Eſtremos*, where I overtook them the 8th. current; the Enemie had poſſeſſed a much higher Poſt, which is called the *Canal*, a League from the Town: I reſolved to ſet upon them, gaining the Poſt which they poſſeſſed; and diſpoſing my ſelf to this, I gave the command of the *Vangard* to *Alphonſo Turtoda de Mendoza*, who was alſo aſſiſted by the General of the Artillery, Dn. *Luis de Meſes*, and the ſecond line to the *Conde de la Torre*; in the right wing of which, he was aſſiſted by the General of the Horſe, *Denis de Mello de Caſtro*, accompanied with the *Maeſtro de campo General*, *Pedro Jacques de Megellanez*, and the Leiutenant Generals, Dn. *Juan de Silva*, Dn. *Manoel de Atayde*, and *Luis de Acoſta*, and the Commiſſaries General *Juan de Ocrato*, *Mattias de Acunia*, and *Duarte Fernandez Lobo*. In the left wing of the Horſe, the General of it, *Manoel Freire de Andrada*, with his Leiutenant General, Dn. *Martin de Ribera*, and the Commiſſaries General *Gomes Freire*, and Dn *Anto-*

Antonio Maldonado. And drawing from the first line of the *Vangard* the Regiment of the *Maestro de Camp Juan Turtado de Mendosa*, and a Regiment of English (who in the whole occasion did wonders) supported by some squadrons of Horse, I commanded to attaque the Posts of the Enemie, keeping the men in the same order of Battle. The Enemie easily extended their Posts, and resolved to possess others higher and harder to come to; and because when the first were taken, it was very hot, and the men much wearied with their March, it appeared convenient not to go forward, without taking some rest, so I made a halt; and seeing that the Enemy began to retire at the same time, I resolved that the Generals of the Horse *Denis de Mello*, and *Manoel Freire* should set upon the Reregard, which was in a plain, and that the lines of the Army should march in favour of the Horse, and do that which the occasion should suggest to them. The General of Horse *Denis de Mello* ordered the attaque with all the Horse,

Horſe, leaviug only on the left wing five Squadrons to the diſpoſition of the Commiſſary General *Mattias de Acunia*, the Ground being very rough, and the Enemies Horſe making a ſtand on the other ſide. Marching ſo towards the Enemy, there began a fight of much diſpute, receiving and giving of each ſide very hot charges. Our Word was *Our Lady of the Conception*, who aſſiſted us in all parts; for at the ſame time that the Generals of the Horſe aſſaulted the Enemy by the left wing, *Alphonſo Turtado de Mendoſa* with the firſt line of the Vangard, accompanied with the General of the Artillery *Dⁿ Luis de Mendeſes*, got up by the moſt difficult part of the Mountain, to aſſault the Regiments of Foot that were upon it, and with obſtinate charges, drove them off from both the heights. After which came forward the *Conde de la Torre* with the five Battaillons, that were under the Commiſſary *Mattias de Acunia*, and all of them driving at the diſlodging the Enemy, did, (as was to be hoped of ſuch perſons)

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The Superiour and Inferiour Officers doing wonders never seen before; and in the same manner the Souldiers, who with admirable constancy persevered in the uttermost danger, till they had got the better. In all that the Foot did, the *Maestro de Campo* General, the *Conte de Shomberg* did assist with great application and care, disposing of what was necessarie with the *Serjeant Major di Battaglia Juan de Silva de Sosa*, and with the Lieutenant Generals *Ant. Tavares de Pina, Pedro Cravero de Campos*, and *Fernand Martines de Saicas* (who died upon the place) applying present remedies to all that was necessarie.

Our small number of Horse fought obstinately with great numbers of the Enemies, which the General *Denis de Mello* endeavoured to break with much valour & address, under the protection, of a Reserve which was commanded by the Lieutenant General D^n. *Manoel de Ataide*, who with the Commissary *Juan de Acrato* did wonders, by the firmness with which he stood, with a great loss of men on both

sides,

ſides, as could not but be in ſo hot an occaſion. In fine, after many hours of continued fighting, the Lines advancing, and now there being no more Foot to help them, but the Regiment of the *Maeſtro de Camp Bernardo de Miranda Henriques*, whom I kept for the laſt remedie, our Horſe being in great danger, and much ſhattered by the many wounded, after ſo many hours fight, and ſome Souldiers having retired themſelves weary of it, I ſent to ſuccour them by the ſaid Regiment, who with the *Serjeant Major De Battaglia, Diego Gomes de Figuiredo*, whom I had kept by me to apply the ſuccour where there was moſt need of it; ſo that arriving and beginning to give the charge, the Enemie quickly began to be undeceived, after to retire themſelves, and preſently to flye, extending themſelves by that part of the Campagne (as I had done in the reſt) which they had poſſeſſed with their Foot and Artillery, with which the Victorie preſently declared it ſelf on your Majeſties ſide, our Officers and Soldiers having performed in this occaſion moſt

valiant

valiant actions, and never seen before.

Here came off hurt on our side, the General *Manoel Freire de Andrada*, after he had killed many *Castilians*, the *Mrs. de Campo Simon de Sosa*, *Manoel de Sosa de Castro*, *Diego de Suares de Almeira* was killed.

All the Souldiers, and some Officers which were made Prisoners at the Surrender of *Euora*, and which the Enemy was carrying away in their Armie, got their libertie. The loss of the Enemie is such, as your Majesty may see by the list of the Prisoners of greatest account, which goes along with this. The number is incredible, which for the brevitie of this time, I cannot yet know; and besides the loss of their Men and Horse, there were gained also 3000. Carts, 8000. Beasts loaden with Munition, 12 pieces of Canon, and 2 other Pieces, 16000 Oxen, 13 Coaches, many Ovens of Bread; *Dn Juan's* Standard, his *Secretaria*, and all the Furniture of his Chamber, so that he, and the *D. de Sn German*, hardly escaped with their persons.

Your

Your Majesty ought to command that thanks be given to all the Officers of the Army, for their valour shewed in this occasion, which was greater than can be represented to your Majesty, or that ordinarily happens; and let not your Majestie think this expression an hyperbole, for it is a pure truth, for having overcome an Army, with it's total rout, disposed into Posts, which were every one a Fortification. Of which Victory I give your Majesty the Parabien, at whose feet I hope to see quickly the Monarchie of *Castille* surrendred up.

El Conde de Villa Flor.

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The List of the Prisoners of Note which have hitherto been discovered.

THe Marquis *de Eliche Conde Duque de St. Lucar.*
The *Maestre de Campo* D^n. *Juan Henriques.*
The *Maestre de Campo Conde Fiasco.*
The *Maestre de Campo* D^n. *Angelo de Gusman*, Son to the Duke *de Medina de las Torres.*
The Coronel *Conde de Bull.*
The *Maestre de Campo Don Esteuan de Angulo.*
The *Maestre de Campo Conde de Escalante.*
The Coronel *Conde de Ferezit.*
Pholippe de Laguet, Captain of Horse.
The General *Gasper Martines.*
The *Conde Ludovico Trosqui*, Captain of the Guards.
Don Antonio Montenegro, Commissary General of the Horse.
Don Juan de Novales, Commissary General of the Forces of *Milan.*
The Commissary General *Valador.*

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Don Garcia Sarmiento, Captain of Horſe, and Secretary to the Duke *de St. German.*

The Serjeant Major *Don Felippe Roxo*

Don Alvaro de Guinones.

Don Franciſco de Eſcouar, Captain of the Regiment of *Portugal*

Don Thomas Puccino.

Don Angelo Caraſa.

Don Aſcanio Dodino.

Don Guſtaccio Gramaccio.

Don Alvaro Montilo.

Don Algelo Coſinano.

13. Captains of Foot. 9. More reformed. 15. Engines. 8. More Reformed. 20. Serjeants. 7. Quartermaſters. 3000. Common Souldiers. 2500. More, hurt. And there are many more, but for the haſt with which the Courior parts, they cannot be ſpecified; and of the other particulars, there will be a more ample Relation.

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